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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER RULE 116

This Request for Reconsideration is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed December 12, 2007 (Paper No. 20071206) and the Notice of Appeal filed June 12, 2008 (with the appropriate three-month extension of time petition and fee).

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-23 stand rejected in the outstanding Final Rejection and have not been amended.

The Examiner's acknowledgment of Applicants' claim for foreign priority as well as the PTO approval of the originally filed formal drawings is very much appreciated. Further, the Examiner's withdrawal of the previous claim objections and §112 rejections is very much appreciated.